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MeadeFest 2004: A Fort Meade time honored tradition

The Fort Meade Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR) activities invites everyone to MeadeFest 2004 which will be held at the MWR Fest Tent near the Llewellyn gate July 1 through 4.

The event will feature a carnival, entertainment, music, a classic vehicle show, a community 5k Fun Run - Walk and Kid's Course, plus the traditional fireworks display. Discounts are being offered for the carnival rides on the following dates-- July 1 is Military Appreciation Night, show your military ID and ride all night for \$8.95 per person; and July 2 is Department of Defense (DoD) Family Appreciation Night, show your DoD or military ID and ride all night for \$9.95 per person.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- July 1 - carnival is open 5 to 11 p.m. The jazz band "Defractions" performs at 6 p.m.
- July 2 - carnival is open from 5 to 11 p.m. with country-western band "David Wayne Band" performing at 7 p.m.
- July 3 - carnival is open from noon to midnight. Featured will be a classic vehicle show which begins at noon, a variety DJ begins at 1 p.m., the Child & Youth Services (CYS) talent show begins at 2 p.m. and a variety music band, "Carambola Party Band" performs at 7 p.m.
- July 4 - carnival is open from noon to 11 p.m. The MeadeFest 5k Fun Run/Walk and Kid's Course begins at 8 a.m. and registration opens at 7 a.m. DJ entertainment begins at 2 p.m. and a military drill team will perform at 5 p.m.

A DJ will play "patriotic music" on the parade field at 7 p.m., and the fireworks display will begin approximately 9:30 p.m. Guests are reminded that all grills are not permitted on the parade field area.

This year's events are being sponsored by: Fort Meade MWR, Comcast, Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE), Picerne Military Housing, GNC, and Fox Chevrolet. Sponsorship does not imply DoD endorsement. For further information pertaining to MeadeFest, please call 677-7785.

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MEDIA ACCESS:

1. **Due to security procedures, all media representatives must contact this office for escort.** Media representatives will be escorted from the Visitor Control Center at Llewellyn and Route 175 to the event. All representatives must have photo identification with them. Vehicle drivers must provide the following information to the public affairs office in order to leave their vehicle in the parking lot.

- * Photo identification

- * Current driver's license
- * Current vehicle registration
- * Current vehicle insurance information

NOTE: Television satellite trucks must use the Mapes Road and Route 32 entrance. This requires additional lead time to inspect the vehicle and place on site. Please notify this office immediately if your organization will use a satellite truck to broadcast/tape the event.

2. Complete the information below and return to the Public Affairs Office to expedite your access to the installation. Without this information you may be delayed or denied access to Fort Meade for this event.

Name:

Organization:

Telephone:

Fax:

Cell:

Email:

Vehicle Make:

Vehicle Model:

Vehicle Color:

License Tag Number:

State of Licensing:

3. Fort Meade public affairs points of contact follow. Please register with one of the individuals below. You will be contacted with any changes.

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